## No. 71.

## MARCH 2, 1808.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole house, on Monday next.

## A Bill,

To punish conspiracies to commit treason against the United States.

- 1 Sec. 1. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That from
- 3 and after the passage of this act, if any persons shall combine, con-
- 4 federate, or conspire to levy war against the United States, or to
- 5 adhere to their enemies, and to give them aid and comfort; he or
- 6 they so offending shall be deemed guilty of a conspiracy to commit
- 7 treason against the United States: and on conviction of such crime
- 8 before any court of the United States, having jurisdiction thereof,
- 9 shall be punished by a fine not exceeding dollars,
- 10 nor less than dollars, and by imprisonment not
- 11 exceeding years, nor less than at the
- 12 discretion of the court.
  - 1 Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the person, or persons,
  - 2 so convicted as aforesaid, shall enter into recognizance with one
  - 3 or more sufficient sureties, for his or their good behaviour, in such
  - 4 sum and for such time, as the court before whom he or they may
  - 5 be tried, shall order and direct.